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Application No.: 09/576,187

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Leonard R. Hoffman et al.

Title: Method And System For Managing The Configuration Of An Evolving Engineering Design Using An Object-Oriented Database

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Examiner: G. Robinson

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September 11, 2003  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

## a. Previously submitted:

Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on 7/24/03.

Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on   but not considered.

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## b. Enclosed are:

Copy of Amendment/Reply previously submitted on 7/24/03.

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

Information Disclosure Statement.

Form PTO-1449 with copies of        listed reference(s).

Other .

## Miscellaneous:

Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of        months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)			\$750.00	\$750.00
Total Claims: <u>16</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>= 0</u>	<u>\$18.00 = \$0.00</u>
Independents: <u>5</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>= 0</u>	<u>\$84.00 = \$0.00</u>
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			<u>+ \$280.00 = \$0.00</u>	
			CLAIMS FEE TOTAL: <u>= \$750.00</u>	

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Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$860.00
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TOTAL FEE:		\$860.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-1722 in the amount of \$860.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1722. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 18-1722.

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